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REMARKS

Applicants have elected Group I, claims 9-12, without traverse. Claims 1-6 have ~~already~~ been examined in U.S. 6,291,792. Claims 7-8 have already been examined in U.S. 6,645,603. Therefore, claims 1-8 are canceled herein. Claims 9-12 remain pending for examination.

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